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SUBJ: STUDENT-POLICE INCIDENTS CONTINUE

REF: KHARTOUM 2765

1. STREET INCIDENTS INVOLVING POLICE AND STUDENT FORCES FROM HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS CONTINUED NIGHT DEC 19. PROBLEM CENTERED IN OMDURMAN WITH STUDENTS BURNING TOTO-KURA STANDS (STATE LOTTERY STALLS WHICH OFTEN TARGET OF MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD) AND TEAR GAS REQUIRED TO BREAK UP DEMONSTRATIONS. MORNING DEC 20 STARTED WITH MINOR SCUFFLES IN KHARTOUM BETWEEN POLICE AND GROUPS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENTS, IN WHICH SOME TEAR GAS USED. APPROXIMATELY NOON, HOWEVER, SERIOUS STUDENT/ POLICE VIOLENCE REPORTEDLY ERUPTED IN OMDURMAN ALLEGEDLY RESULTING IN DEATH THREE STUDENTS FROM ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY. REPORTS INCIDENT STUDENTS ARMED WITH STEEL BARS ATTEMPTED BURN GAS STATUSN AND POLICE ACTION IN FIRING WAS LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE. PRECISE EXTENT THIS INCIDENT NOT YET KNOW..

2. COMMENT: WHILE GOVERNMENT STILL HAS POWER TO CONTROL SITUATION, DEATHS -- EVEN IF ACTION JUSTIFIED -- WOULD CLEARLY
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GIVE ANTI-REGIME ELEMENTS NEW AMMUNITION.

EVEN BEFORE SHOOTING INCIDENT, KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY (KU)
STUDENT LEADERSHAD REPORTEDLY ISSUED STATEMENT DEPLORING
BRUTAL TACTICS OF GOVERNMENT AGAINST YOUNG STUDENTS.
WHILE LATEST INCIDENT OBVIOUSLY COMPLICATES GOS
PROBLEM AND SOME CONCESSIONS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL
STUDENTS MAY BE REQUIRED (AS IN CASE KU AFFAIR LAST WEEK),
WE CONTINUE SEE NO SERIOUS THREAT TO REGIME ITSELF OR TO
GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION. WE WILL BE ALERT TO LINE
IMAMS WILL BE TAKING IN FRIDAY PRAYERS DEC 21. BREWER

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